House Resolution No. 2876

Whereas, as the 2002-2003 school year draws to a close, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause to applaud the career achievements of those individuals who are retiring from the field of education; and

Whereas, the Aurora R-VIII School District is losing a valuable member of its faculty on May 28, 2003, with the retirement of Sally Ann Wood who has devoted many years of her life to the education of this state's young citizens through tireless endeavors as a teacher and counselor; and

Whereas, Sally Wood has worked for thirty-two years at Aurora High School, where she is held in high esteem as an educator who demonstrates considerable competence and remarkable degrees of compassion and understanding; and

Whereas, deeply committed to the great cause of learning, Sally Wood has served as an English and French teacher and as a counselor during her impressive tenure at Aurora High School; and

Whereas, named Distinguished Educator by the <u>Joplin Globe</u>, Sally Wood has also enjoyed recognition by having articles published in professional journals, being listed in <u>Who's Who in Education</u>, and by serving as a freshman and sophomore class sponsor, a ninth grade cheerleading sponsor, and as the director of a school play; and

Whereas, so many young Missourians have left the classrooms of Aurora High School fully prepared to face the challenges ahead as a result of the outstanding professional endeavors of Sally Wood; and

Whereas, Sally Wood has been blessed with the love and support of a wonderful family whose members include her husband, Floyd Wood; her sister, Jeanie Brown; and her niece, Kristan Brown:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join the Aurora R-VIII School District in expressing appreciation for the unparalleled service that Sally Wood has rendered to Missouri's children and in wishing her the long, fruitful, and enjoyable retirement that she so justly deserves; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Sally Ann Wood, as a measure of our esteem for her.

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 2876, adopted May 14, 2003.